

INTIMATIONS

THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED will be held at the Company's Office, 11, Cross Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon when the Subordinate Resolution which was passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 23rd day of March, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 5th April to MONDAY, the 10th April, 1918, both days inclusive.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 27th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 11, Cross Street, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1918, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and the report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and declaring a Dividend.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

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The Company requests that owing to the increased cost of material it is compelled to make the following alterations in its terms of business:

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WE have this day admitted Mr. CLIFFORD EDGUM as a Partner in our Business of Ship, Freight, and Coal Brokers and Commission Agents.

NOTICE

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Competitors are requested to enter their names in the book in the Club House before starting.

T. W. HILL, Acting Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG, April 1, 1918.

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A MIXED FOUR-SOMES COMPETITION will be held on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.

Consisting of 18 holes against Bogey under handicap.

The Bogey score and table of holes at which strokes are to be taken will be fixed later.

Entrance fee \$2.00 per couple.

Competitors must arrange their own partners and opponents and are requested to send their names to the undersigned, or to post same on the boards at Happy Valley, Fan Ling or the Hongkong Club before the 6th April.

T. W. HILL, Acting Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG, March 22, 1918.

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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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THE NIELSEN CASE AT SHANGHAI.

SEVERE SENTENCES ON ACCOMPLICES.

The following is the summing up and

judgment of the Nielsen ammunition case

at the French Mixed Court at Shanghai.

On the morning of 4th March the

French Police discovered on the property

situated at 44 Siewwai Road, in the

course of their search of the premises,

eight wooden boxes, each containing

twenty-five live shells, the cases of which

measured 65 mm. in diameter, and the

projectiles 52 mm. These shells were

taken out of a deep pond situated in this

property belonging to the German Otto

Moscher, and occupied by the German

Adolphe Nielsen and the Austrian

Moscher.

When these munitions were discovered,

Nielsen declared at the Lokwai police-

station that he did not know who had

deposited them on his premises. But, in

view of the fact that Nielsen had already

been concerned in October, 1915, in the

case of trafficking in arms destined for

India, his denials could not be taken as

his true face.

On 12th November, 1915, the police

arrested some Chinese coolies in Siewwai

Road who were taking various packages

to Nielsen's house, among which were

discovered more than 600 revolver-

cartridges, a British service rifle, a

Winchester carbine, 55 Mauser cartridge

clips full of cartridges, and a Browning

revolver. There was still more reason to

ignore Nielsen's protestations of

innocence, since, as soon as the news of

the discovery by the police of 200 shells

on 4th March became known, his domestic

staff all fled. The coolies left by Nielsen

at 44, Siewwai Road disappeared on the

arrival of the police on 4th March and

has not been seen since, and one of

Nielsen's boys, who was lying ill in the

Hospital Sainte Marie, left the establish-

ment precipitately at 1 p.m. on 5th

March. Again, Nielsen's mistress, the

woman Weinstein, on 6th March pre-

sented herself under a false name at

the French Consulate with the object of

procuring the papers necessary to enable

her to leave Shanghai.

From this date, then, grave suspicions

attached to Nielsen and his household,

and it was for this reason that his mis-

tre and his chauffeur were put under ar-

rest on the 6th and 8th March respectively

and were handed over to the French

Mixed Court, which had jurisdiction over

the chauffeur because he was Chinese,

and over the woman Weinstein because

she was of unknown nationality; they

were both accused of complicity in the

perpetration of a criminal act committed

in the French Concession, to wit, the

removal and deposit of explosive materials

with criminal intent.

A detailed public inquiry was then held

before the Court in order to establish the

degree and nature of the culpability of

each, at which the evidence established

incontestably that the two accused persons

are not the principals in the crime which

brings them before the Court.

Moreover, in the actual removal and

deposit of the shells, the chauffeur merely

acted in collaboration with, and in sub-

ordination, to Nielsen and Moscher,

whose orders he obeyed, as has been

shown by the evidence produced in Court.

Likewise, the head gardener of the

property at 44, Siewwai Road, Liu

Zu-tung by name, declared in Court on

18th March, that he had seen Nielsen

carry off in a motor-car boxes similar

in every way to those which have been

found by the police, that these boxes

were deposited by Nielsen in the house

projectiles discovered at Nielsen's house.

Now these declarations show—

1.—That it was Nielsen who ordered

and directed all these operations between

the beginning and 10th November, 1915.

2.—That the projectiles to the number

of 600 contained in 24 boxes of 25 were

at 32, Yangtze Road, another of

Nielsen's addresses.

3.—That Nielsen and Moscher loaded

the motor-car themselves while the

chauffeur kept watch.

4.—That the projectiles were carried

by night to 44, Siewwai Road.

5.—That they were deposited in

Nielsen's house the entrances of which

was forbidden to any other person than

to the personal servants of Nielsen.

6.—That Nielsen and Moscher, after

having left them there for some time,

decided to take them away again.

7.—That they loaded several boxes of

them on to the motor-car, drove away

with them, and en route asked the

chauffeur to go away, saying they had

no further need of his services.

8.—That they thus took away to an

unknown destination 16 of the 24 boxes

deposited by them at their house, 44,

Siewwai Road.

Now, in the actual removal and deposit

of the explosive material the chauffeur

acted under the orders of his master

Nielsen, and his guilt is lessened by this

extenuating circumstance; but, in agree-

ment to obey the orders of Nielsen, the

chauffeur was cognisant of the illegal

nature of the act in which his master

requested his collaboration.

Moreover, the defendant admits that if

his master had decided to move the

projectiles from 32, Yangtze Road to 44,

Siewwai Road, it was from fear of the

International Settlement, whose

attention had been drawn to him on

account of the "Medicine for India"

case, in which Nielsen had already been

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

RECENT FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

ENEMY'S LOSSES NEVER CRUELLER.

PARIS, April 4. A semi-official statement says:—The Germans are attacking simultaneously at different points in the hope of splitting our reserves; but the French counter-attacks have nullified all the enemy's recent gains.

It is curious to consider the German formations. The first, composed of inferior troops, advanced shoulder to shoulder, and were consumed by machine-gun fire. These were followed by better material for whom the first lot hoped to open the way.

This cynical disregard of life contrasts strikingly with the French methods. The enemy's losses were never crueLLER than in the recent fighting, yet they achieved nothing.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

STOCKHOLM, April 4. There was a Naval engagement in the Kattegat yesterday. A terrific bombardment was heard at sea, and a couple of hours later a German torpedo-boat destroyer, badly damaged, was towed past Helsingborg.

THE ITALIAN RESERVES.

ROME, April 4. A Decree mobilises men 23 years of age for service in the current year. It also orders those rejected on medical grounds in the years 1882-3 and 1887 to undergo fresh examination.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

PUBLIC OPINION.

LONDON, April 4. The morning newspapers accord the great Budget statement general approval. The *Daily Graphic* says: "It is a magnificent War Budget. At last the Government has had the courage to propose an adequate scheme of war taxation. There may be some outcry against the taxation of the poor man's sugar, but the poor man pays no income tax."

The *Telegraph*, while regretting the increase in the income-tax, says victory will be worth whatever we have to pay for it.

The *Morning Post* says the Budget statement does not daunt the nation from continuing the course laid down for itself. From the King downwards, everybody is prepared to make great sacrifices.

THE MEXICAN CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, April 4. Two hundred American Cavalry defeated 200 Villistas at Aguasfrientas on April 1st, killing 80. The American force had no casualties.

THE "SUSSEX" OUTRAGE.

PRESIDENT WILSON CRITICISED BY AN OLD FRIEND.

PARIS, April 4. Professor Baldwin, an old friend of President Wilson, who was a passenger on the *Sussex* when she was torpedoed, speaks in the strongest condemnation of the President's policy and urges Americans to force the President to take action. In Washington's words, he says, "they are at a moment when they will save or lose their reputation."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

ENEMY SWEEP BY WAVES OF FIRE.

PARIS, April 5. The evening communications say:—Enemy organisations were effectively bombarded north of the Aisne and in Argonne.

An enemy attack on Hancourt, west of the Meuse, failed utterly. East of the Meuse, the bombardment was resumed with the greatest violence. The Germans launched a very strong attack against the first French lines south of Douaumont. Successive waves of attackers were swept by waves of fire and the enemy retired in disorder to Chateau Wood, where the French artillery concentration inflicted heavy losses.

The French continued to progress in Caillotte Wood. A French dirigible dropped 31 bombs on Audan-le-Roman station.

BRITISH OPERATIONS.

LONDON, April 4. A British communiqué says:—Yesterday a German machine was shot down by one of our machines behind our lines south of Souchez. The pilot and observer were killed.

To-day there has been mutual artillery activity about Souchez, Angres, St. Eloi, and Ypres. There has been some mining activity about Neuville, St. Vaast, Houthuch, and the Hohenzollern Redoubt.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN RAID ON ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 4. The War Office announces that a Zeppelin is reported to have crossed the East Anglian coast at two o'clock in the morning. Several explosions were heard, but up to the present no fragments of bombs have been discovered, neither casualties, nor damage.

LONDON ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

INTERESTING STATEMENT.

LONDON, April 4. Mr. H. J. Tennant (Under Secretary for War) stated that it was impossible to be certain who were responsible for the falling of the Zeppelin LZ 7. Several hits are believed to have been made by different batteries. The new London defences were most successful. More than one attack had been driven off in the Metropolis without the inhabitants being aware of it. (Cheers.)

FLOODS IN RUSSIAN NORTHERN SECTOR.

PETERSBURG, April 5. A communiqué says:—The Germans continued to bombard the Ikskil bridgehead; otherwise there is no change to report on the Northern sector, where the floods are rising.

CAUCASUS CAMPAIGN.

PETERSBURG, April 5. The Russians made prisoners two Turkish Companies in the Caucasus. The Russians are advancing in a south-westerly direction from Mush and Bitlis.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY COMMANDS.

PETERSBURG, April 4. General Brusiloff succeeds General Ivanoff in command of the south-western Armies.

MR. ASQUITH IN ITALY.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTIONS.

LONDON, April 4. Mr. Asquith landed yesterday with the King, who afterwards conducted the Premier to various points of the front. The tour was continued in the morning, still under the guidance of the King.

Mr. Asquith was everywhere given enthusiastic receptions. He left in the afternoon, General Cadorna and General Porro accompanying him to the station.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON BAGDAD.

LONDON, April 4. In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain said that General Sir John Nixon advised the advance on Bagdad.

IMPORTATION OF COTTON YARN.

LONDON, April 4. In the House of Commons Mr. Ransome said that licences for the importation of cotton yarn are generally given in respect only of goods on route or paid for before the 26th March.

THE RUPEE IN EGYPT.

LONDON, April 4. The introduction of the rupee in Egypt is a merely temporary measure.

THE BUDGET.

GREAT BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH.

LONDON, April 4. In concluding his Budget statement (given in the late Edition of the *China Mail* last night), Mr. McKenna said we were making ample provision for the war. When peace came we would have an ample margin for remission of taxation. We were raising upwards of £300,000,000 yearly by post-bellum taxation, while Dr. Helfferich, the German Finance Minister, was announcing himself doubtful of an increase of £24,000,000. We could justly claim that we were not found wanting in civil and military courage.

Mr. McKenna said the assistance to the Dominions amounted to £22,000,000. There had been a saving owing to the public spirit of Canada, which had raised loans in her own territory and in the United States. He emphasised the expansive power of British trade as shown by the revenue returns. We had a pre-war debt of £651,000,000, and on the 31st March the total was £2,140,000,000, but £368,000,000 would be returned by our Allies. We had also to look to an increased yield from new taxation. We never borrowed in advance without provision for interest and a liberal Sinking Fund.

Expenditure had amounted to £5,000,000 daily. The question of the double income-tax would be dealt with when the proposed recombination of the income-tax laws took place.

He pointed out that rich men paying a super-tax would pay in taxation no less than 77 per cent. out of their excess profits. He anticipated a reduction in revenue from beer of £3,000,000 and from spirits of £2,000,000.

The Government had resolved to deal with the importation of luxuries by stopping importation altogether rather than impose a tariff. The shortage of labour and the inadequacy of machinery rendered an extension of tariffs impracticable. At the end of 1913-17 the net debt would be £2,640,000,000.

RECEPTION OF BUDGET.

The Budget was well received, and undoubtedly will be easily passed. Labourites assured the Government that the working classes are determined to bear their burden in securing victory.

The *Times*, while doubting the wisdom of the tax on railway tickets, justified the income-tax increase. The journal is of opinion that the net result of the new proposals for financing another year of war can only be regarded with justifiable pride by all having the maintenance of British credit at heart.

The *Daily News* says:—The war has discovered a financial strength beyond our most extravagant dreams. Mr. McKenna has faced the problem with boldness and prudence.

The *Daily Chronicle*—It is a bold War Budget, and is entirely business-like.

The *Daily Mail*—Mr. McKenna's measures are heroic, but the public will respond cheerfully.

LONDON, April 5. All the new taxes have been adopted by the House of Commons.

WOMEN'S WAR WORK.

LONDON, April 4. In the House of Commons Dr. Addison stated that there were 195,000 women in the munition factories.

VALUABLE MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

PARIS, April 4. A serum against eruptive typhus has been discovered by Dr. Nicole, Director of the Pasteur Institute at Tunis. Nineteen cases have been successfully treated.

THE "SUSSEX" OUTRAGE.

LONDON, April 4. In the House of Commons Sir Edward Grey said that the sincerest sympathy of the Government had been conveyed to Zilla Sultan on the death of Prince Bahram, who was one of the victims of the *Sussex* outrage.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LONDON, April 4. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been gazetted a Captain in the Grenadier Guards, and Staff-Captain on Headquarters units.

F.M.S. GOVERNMENT WAR LOAN.

The Federated Malay States Government is raising £3,000,000 Obentaria to bearer, part of a War Loan of \$15,000,000. The entire proceeds of the loan are to be placed at the disposal of His Britannic Majesty's Government for the prosecution of the War. The loan is repayable at par in 1921.

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BRITISH PIONEERS IN CHINA.

INTERPRETERS IN THE EARLY DAYS.

There was more than one sufficient reason in the latter part of the XVIIth Century why no one could be found among the British subjects in China capable of "carrying on with advantage a conference both delicate and important" in the Chinese language. Not only were there no aids to the study of the Chinese language—no grammars, dictionaries, and phrase-books, such as exist now in abundance; what was worse was that it was a capital offence for a Chinese to teach the language to a foreigner in Canton. When Lord Macartney returned to Canton after his audience with the Emperor at Jehol, "the gentlemen of the factory" took the opportunity of the deferential attitude towards the Ambassador which the imperial reception had inspired in official quarters in Canton, to get the Ambassador to make a remonstrance to the Viceroy against the continuance of certain grievances which they had long endured. Among the grievances included in the remonstrance was that of "the natives being prohibited from instructing Europeans in the Chinese language." The Viceroy, the historian says, "was at a loss to judge on what principle such a prohibition could have taken place, which deprived foreigners of the means of transacting their own affairs, as well as that of acquiring a knowledge of, in order to conform themselves to the laws and customs of the country. In this particular the Viceroy assured his Excellency that no farther obstruction should be given on the part of the Government."

This assurance was given in the year 1794, but the prohibition apparently remained effective for several years.

We should not be guilty of a very gross error if we gave to Dr. Morrison, the first Protestant Missionary to China, the credit of being the first Englishman to acquire a practical knowledge of the Chinese language, though Sir George Staunton probably had good claims to that distinction; too, for, as mentioned in my previous article, he learnt to speak the language as a child. In the Amherst mission, at all events, the Ambassador relied mainly on Morrison as his medium of communicating with the Chinese. Of that, however, more anon. The point I now wish to mention is that Morrison received his instruction by stealth—that is to say it was given secretly at night time, because it was still a capital offence in his early days in China for a native to teach the Chinese language to a foreigner.

But in spite of all the difficulties in the way of an Englishman acquiring a knowledge of the Chinese language, the Amherst Embassy which came out in 1816—i.e. nine years after Morrison's arrival in China—had the advantage of being able to add to the Staff on reaching Canton no fewer than four Englishmen to act as Chinese Secretaries to the Embassy. Their names are given as J. Hastings Toone, Esq., J. F. Davis, Esq., Thomas Manning, Esq., and the Rev. Robert Morrison. In addition, the Embassy was accompanied on its voyage North by Sir George Staunton, who is described as being "distinguished by his abilities and peculiarly qualified by his knowledge of the Chinese language." The Chinese Secretaries mentioned above are described as "all more or less acquainted with the Chinese language," but the Journal says: "The intimate knowledge of the Chinese language possessed by Mr. Morrison naturally pointed him out as the principal medium for future communication with the Chinese, and he was immediately employed in the translation of the Prince Regent's letter and other documents which he executed with a facility much beyond any idea I had formed of European acquirement in this most difficult language."

In an account of some discussions at Taku, Mr. Toone, who presumably was on the Canton Staff of the East India Company, is mentioned as having principally had recourse to the Chinese character as the medium of communication both with the Mandarin and the Government of the

former brought a native of Canton on board with them, and seemed surprised that Mr. Toone did not understand his dialect. "More wonder," adds the chronicler, "appeared to be excited by persons not understanding than by their speaking Chinese."

When Dr. Morrison was sent out the directors of the Mission thus expressed their views of his labours. "We trust that no objection will be made to your continuing in Canton, till you have accomplished your great object of acquiring the language; when this is done, you may probably soon afterwards be sent to turn this attainment into a direction which may be of extensive use to the work; perhaps you may have the honour of forming a Chinese dictionary more comprehensive and correct than any preceding one; or the still greater honour of translating the sacred Scriptures into a language spoken by a third part of the human race."

Certainly, it is to Morrison more than to any other individual man that we are indebted for the great advance which has been made since these early days in the study of the Chinese language by Europeans and Americans. In striking contrast to the time when an important British Embassy had to lament the fact that not a single Englishman could be found capable of acting as an interpreter of the Chinese language, there are to-day probably not fewer than five thousand English and American men and women in China well qualified to interpret Chinese into English or English into Chinese. This progress we owe largely to Morrison who laid the foundation for it by the compilation of a dictionary extending to six quarto volumes. In these days when the value of a knowledge of the language is being emphasised in commercial circles it is interesting to recall the fact that this dictionary was produced by the East India Company at an expense of £12,000. The leading members of the Company's establishment in Canton had greatly interested themselves in this particular branch of Morrison's labours and the Court of Directors in London "sensible of the good results of such an undertaking responded to the application on the most liberal scale and sent out a printer and a printing office." Dr. Morrison also prepared a Chinese grammar on the model of a common English grammar, and he completed a small volume of dialogues in English and Chinese and a volume of miscellaneous information on the chronology, festivals, geography and other subjects relating to China under the title of "View of China for Philological purposes."

This is not all that Dr. Morrison did to help future generations to acquire a knowledge of the Chinese language. He founded with the assistance of other friends of religion in 1818 an Anglo-Chinese College at Malacca, the objects of which were to afford Europeans the means of acquiring the Chinese language and enable Chinese to become acquainted with the religion and science of the west. Dr. Morrison, we are told by one author, gave in all more than £2,000 to this enterprise from his own resources, and the East India Co.'s factory in China assisted it with an annual grant of \$1,000 for many years.

BOOKWORM.

COST OF THE WAR.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated on Feb. 10th that the National Debt in 1870 was £793,000,000, in 1914 £708,000,000, and at the end of the financial year 1915-16 £2,200,000,000. The gross war expenditure of Germany to the end of 1915 was more than £1,500,000,000. The credits voted in France between August 1914 and December 1915 were about £1,240,000,000, and for the first quarter of 1916 £200,920,000.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

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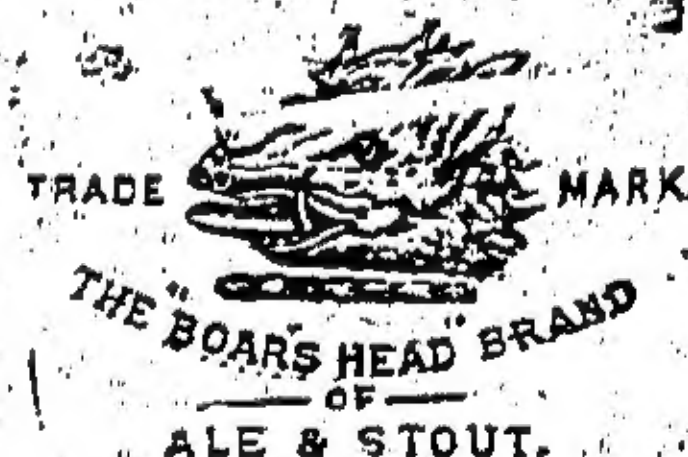
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DAY, 2nd April, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all goods remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, 1st April, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised, after the Goods have left the Steamer for Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 6th April, at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after SATURDAY, 15th April, 1916.

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1916. 497

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